



Youth Court at a Glance

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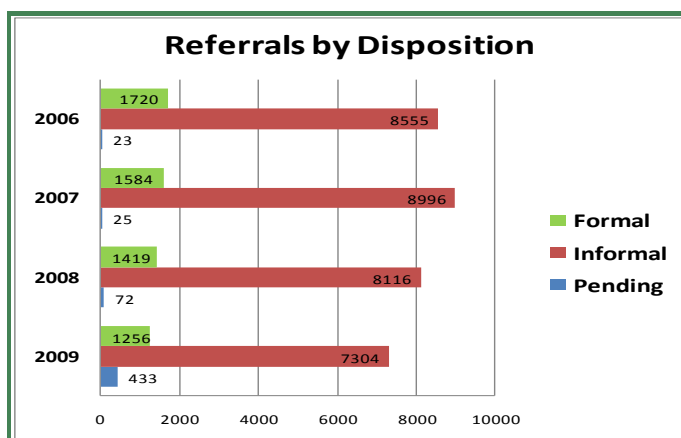
Juvenile Justice System Overview

Juveniles usually enter the juvenile justice system through contact with law enforcement, although they may be referred to juvenile probation by other agencies and parents. Juvenile probation is an integral part of the Youth Court and is overseen by the Youth Court judge within each of the 22 Judicial Districts. Most referrals to the Youth Court's juvenile probation office are in the form of a ticket accompanied by a report from law enforcement. Juvenile probation officers may handle any referral except traffic and fish and game violations, which fall under the jurisdiction of the Justice, Municipal, City, and District Courts.

Youth referred to probation must appear in front of the juvenile probation officer with a parent or guardian to answer to the allegations against them. Most youth will never see the Youth Court judge and will work solely through the Youth Court juvenile probation officer to resolve the ticket in what is referred to as the informal process. If the referral is forwarded to the county attorney and a petition is filed on the alleged charges, the youth will appear before the Youth Court judge in what is referred to as the formal process. Approximately 20% of the youth referred to juvenile probation each year are handled formally. The formal process may result in the youth being placed in a secure youth correctional facility. Only a Youth Court Judge may sentence a youth to the Department of Corrections. In 2009, 87 youth (less than 2%) were formally sentenced to the Department for placement in a youth correctional facility.

Youth Court Referrals and Dispositions (2006-2009)

Youth Court Caseload Summary	2009	2008	2007	2006
Unduplicated Juveniles	5653	6222	6715	6532
Referrals	8994	9607	10604	10297
Offenses	11630	12576	13751	13256



A single youth may have multiple referrals and each referral may include multiple offenses. The "unduplicated" juvenile count represents the first referral for a youth in a given year.

Demographics of Youth Served

2009

Gender

Male: 5,975 67%
Female: 2,962 33%

Race

Caucasian: 7,168 80%
Native American: 1,270 14%
Hispanic: 257 3%
Black: 167 2%
Other: 75 1%

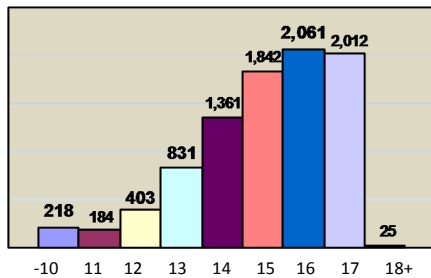
Family Household Income

Below \$20,000 3,714
\$20,000-\$40,000 3,523
Above \$40,000 1,700

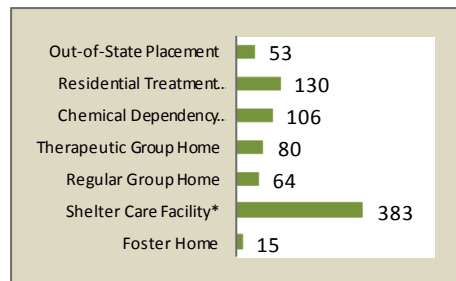
School

Youth in an educational program: 88%
Youth not attending school: 10%
Youth graduated/completed GED: 2%

Age at time of Offense



Out of Home Placements

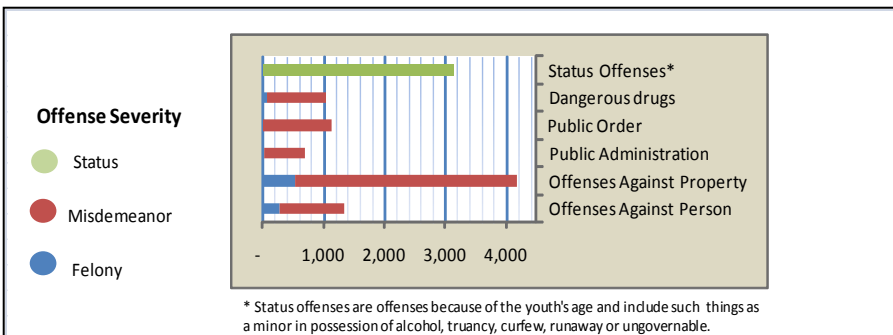


*Shelter care, the most common placement, is a very short term placement while Youth Court is assessing the youth and family situation.

Youth Served by Judicial District

Judicial District	2009	2008	2007	2006
1	493	511	528	420
2	308	323	305	303
3	86	61	90	108
4	656	714	775	808
5	72	112	88	93
6	136	151	138	118
7	145	123	136	131
8	725	860	863	946
9	161	121	141	102
10	81	83	96	100
11	593	690	752	739
12	175	190	253	230
13	623	735	893	768
14	27	34	30	54
15	45	55	42	49
16	236	247	246	182
17	124	148	145	118
18	298	331	327	326
19	107	112	159	174
20	217	264	269	311
21	227	244	271	298
22	118	113	169	154
State Total	5653	6222	6716	6532

Classification of Offenses Reported



Five most frequently charged offenses

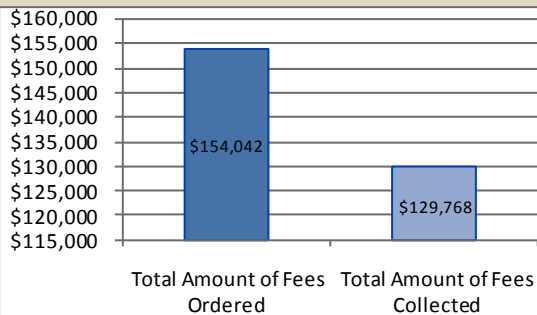
Theft - Misdemeanor	1,515
Disorderly Conduct	1,022
Runaway Juvenile	868
Criminal Mischief	789
Assault-Misdemeanor	607

Restoring Justice to Victims and Holding Offenders Accountable

2009

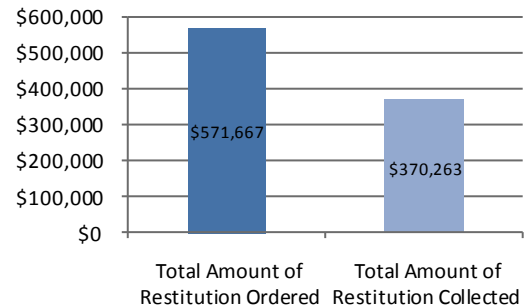
Fees (Ordered vs. Collected)

Number of Youth Ordered to Pay Fees: 2,324



Restitution (Ordered vs. Collected)

Number of Youth Ordered to Pay Restitution: 774



Days Spent Under Supervision

(Closed Cases in 2009)

Days	Youth
0-30 days	2,809
31-90 days	1,263
90+ days	2,031

Community Service

Total Number of Hours Ordered:	59,513
Total Number of Hours Completed:	50,723

Drug Monitoring

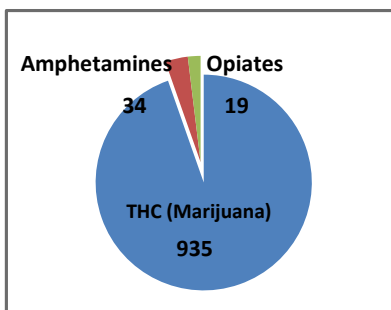
Number of Youth ordered to Submit to Drug Testing:

Total Number of Tests Administered:	3,449
Total Number of Youth Testing Positive:	495

A single youth may have tested positive multiple times.

13% Recidivism
while under
supervision

Youth ordered to submit to drug testing are tested randomly, unless there is suspicion to believe the youth has recently been using drugs. Youth going through drug court may be required to test more often as required by the judge.



Top Three Drugs Detected

1. THC (Marijuana) - 935
2. Amphetamines—34
3. Opiates—19

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